

WISCONSIN STATE GOVERNMENT ENERGY INITIATIVES

The Wisconsin Division of Energy (DOE) of the Department of Administration works with many State of Wisconsin agencies to incorporate energy efficiency into their efforts to provide services to the citizens of Wisconsin. The DOE provides guidance on procurement specifications, product availability and incentives to the following state agencies.

The Wisconsin Division of State Facilities (DSF) of the Department of Administration is responsible for the design, construction supervision and maintenance of state government facilities. This includes buildings that range from University buildings to office buildings to Prisons. A previous memo listed DOA/DSF Energy Conservation Initiatives

The Bureau of Procurement of the Division of State Agency Services has incorporated Energy Star into their specifications for equipment to assure Wisconsin governmental agencies have the most energy efficiency equipment available to them. These procurement specifications make equipment required to be purchased directly or through VendorNet available to all State of Wisconsin governmental agencies and to local units of government.

Office Machines: Copy machines, FAX machines, Computer Printers, Scanners. Computer Monitors, and PCs will be added in February 2004.

Traffic Signals: Energy Star LED

Signage: Energy efficient LED Lottery Signs

Several items have been added as alternatives to common purchasing practices. These make energy efficient products available as an alternative until they can become common practice.

Light Bulbs: Energy Star Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL)

Vehicles: Purchase of nearly 2,000 alternative fueled vehicles including E85 cars that can be fueled by 85% Ethanol fuel, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) fueled vehicles.

In addition, the state vehicle fleet purchased four hybrid vehicles as a pilot. DNR and DOA are both presently evaluating two each of these vehicles.

Other State of Wisconsin governmental agencies have incorporated energy efficiency into many of their programs that provide grants for housing.

The University of Wisconsin - Madison Housing continues to add an Energy Star requirement on its bid specifications as new bids are released. Recent additions to equipment purchases have included:

Appliances: Energy Star Room Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, and Clothes Washers

The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Administration (WHEDA) has adopted energy efficiency requirements into grant scoring systems for the low income tax credit program. There are initiatives to incorporate Energy Star into single family mortgage underwriting through more flexible underwriting standards.

Department of Commerce HUD rental housing development program provides grants for the development and improvement of housing eligible to low income households. Grant appliances are awarded based on a scoring procedure. The enhanced scoring incorporates Energy Star for such items as lighting, heating and appliances.